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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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This application is related to co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/499,599 which matured into USP 6,545,354. See the initialed form PTO/SB/08B attached to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002 in the present application. U.S. application Serial No. 10/254,222 filed September 25, 2002 (which was published as U.S. Publ. No. 2003-0038331-A1 on February 27, 2003) is a continuation of said related Serial No. 09/499,599 (now USP 6,545,354).

Submitted herewith are:

1. Copy of Office Action dated June 25, 2002 issued by the U.S. Examiner in said related Application Serial No. 10/254,222;
2. Copy of the Peter Van Zant reference (MICROCHIP FABRICATION, A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING) cited in said Office Action dated June 25, 2002 in said related Application Serial No. 10/254,222. The other references cited in said Office action dated

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June 25, 2004 in Serial No. 10/254,222 are already "of record"; and

3. Form PTO/SB/08B listing the particulars of the above-identified items submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the enclosed Office Action issued in related Application Serial No. 10/254,222 and the van Zant reference cited therein, and make same of record.

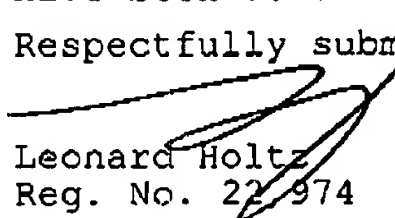
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